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TWILIGHT OR DAWN?

An ancient story tells of a watchman who was stationed on a tower of the city wall to observe the approach of whatever might come to disturb or cheer the dwellers within. Occasionally he was challenged by a voice, querying, "Watchman, what of the night?" He made answer, "The morning cometh, and also the night."

Every period has its watchers in the towers. We have ours. What answers are they sending back to us? Are they as wise as the situation demands? How do they compare with the wisdom of the ancient answer?

Now, what did the man of old mean when he said, "The morning cometh, and also the night"?

He meant, I think, that the future holds both the possibility of good, and the possibility of evil. If we do well, it shall be the morning of a new and better day. If we do not well, the night of a deeper hue will engulf us.

It appears to one claiming no place in a tower, but only a seat in a lowly place, but possessing some chance of observation, that no answer is adequate to the needs of our day except this ancient answer, so interpreted.

Are we witnessing today, Congregationally, the twilight of a departing glory, or beholding the dawn of a new era that shall be worthier and worthier? That is a matter that depends on us.

We in this part of the wide kingdom, described by the bounds of this Northern California Congregational Conference, bear a reasonable share in the shaping of the destiny of that kingdom, which is potentially on the way.

In this matter there will be no confusion in the answers we give, in word or deed, if we remember that the letter annuls, while the spirit vivifies. What does that mean for us here and now? This, for example:

This month we as churches will be thinking in terms of budgets and financial campaigns and the gathering of the forces and resources necessary to the carrying on of our work in the coming twelve months. That is well; but if we cling jealously and unwisely to the successful methods of other years and places, and refuse to bend our energies to new situations and new plans, we shall succeed but indifferently. But if we, embodying the spirit of the thing, throw our strength into the task at hand, we shall succeed surprisingly.

We recall that wisdom of Phillips Brooks, "Duty gets things well done; love gets them beautifully done."

Let us, then, enter joyously and heartily into the days just ahead of us—in the spirit. The results of our labors will certainly please the great Father, and bring satisfaction to all right thinking people everywhere.

FEDERATION MEETING

On the 29th of September the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California met in the First Congregational Church of Berkeley. A very broad and carefully considered program was splendidly carried out, holding the interest of a large audience from the beginning in the morning until adjournment in the afternoon. Many features of the program had much that was stimulating and thought-producing.

Aside from the encouraging reports of summer conferences were others taking us farther afield. Rev. Lee Hong, formerly a Chinese Congregational pastor in San Francisco, whose daughter is the first Chinese girl to enter the Schaeffler Training School in Cleveland, Ohio, spoke in a general way of Chinese womanhood in the United States, comparing times twenty years separated when they could not go out of the home to earn; now they are met in hospital, school, college, office, tearoom and shop. His only fear now is too great freedom, a danger making Christian leadership imperative.

To follow the spirit of "Keeping Up With Missions," we have only to link one of the speakers, Mrs. Lynda Goodsell Blake, with her grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Goodsell, of Home Missions devotion, through her father, Dr. Fred Goodsell, of Foreign Missions leadership, and you have the broad basis of World Missions.

Mrs. Ernest Evans, former president of the W. B. M. P., told of the greater work to be accomplished by the union of men and women in the various departments of the American Board.

Almost three hundred women sat down to lunch, perhaps the largest number since the completion of the church building.

Perhaps all who read this do not know that the First Congregational Church of Berkeley has recently completed a great working addition to the splendid auditorium finished a few years ago. The new building provides every facility for carrying on modern church and community work—reception room and rooms for classes, conferences, Scouts, Girl Reserves, athletics and a splendidly equipped kitchen, and includes a comfortable apartment for the caretaker and his wife, the whole looking out on a beautiful little park to gladden the eyes of all comers. We congratulate the First Church people on their adequate equipment for a splendid work in our university city.

MRS. J. P. PRUTZMAN.

SLIDES

The following sets of stereopticon slides and lectures may be obtained free of charge from the Conference office. The only expense to the church is the expressage both ways.

The American Board.
Beyond the Pyrenees.
Buddhism.
Congregational Shrines.
English Shrines.
Ministry of Healing.
Mohammedanism.
Forward March of the Zulus.
In the Heart of Angola.
Trekking Across Rhodesia.
Awakened India.
Madura and Its Missions.
Village Life in India.
Beautiful Foochow.
In Far Shansi.
Tientsin, Where East Meets West.
Upward Trail in Shaowu.
Japan, the Land of the Lotus Flower.
Beyond the Rio Grande (Mexico).
Coral Islands of the Pacific.
Thrilling Tale of the Philippines.

DR. BREWER EDDY VISITS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Dr. Eddy, who has just been announced as having been raised to a full secretarial position in the American Board, has concluded a strenuous week, speaking in the churches of this Conference.

He began by addressing the ministers of the Bay region in the parlors of First Church, San Francisco, on Monday morning, October 31. Tuesday he was in San Jose, Wednesday in Sacramento, Thursday in Stockton, Friday in North Berkeley, and Sunday morning in First Church, Oakland.

The address at San Jose, of which the writer can speak from personal knowledge, was of a very high order. One hearer voiced the feeling of many who were there: "I am only sorry there were not a thousand here to hear it it merited it."

This word comes to the office from the Sacramento meeting: "Dr. Eddy, though suffering from a sore throat, gave us a magnificent address. We had a fine group of our influential people to hear it and they were thrilled by it."

We of this part of the Congregational world count it a privilege to welcome such men as Dr. Eddy, and predict that at his next coming he will receive an even wider hearing.

Dr. Eddy reports for the American Board that the opportunities for service were never greater, but that lack of funds and a growing deficit necessitates paring of budgets and curtailing of work in certain quarters. He assures us that the work they have been and are doing everywhere is broad, constructive and worthy of all the sacrifice that is going into it.

THE FALL PROMOTION TEAM

The meetings of the fall promotion missionary team were exceedingly well supported. In all, ten centers were reached, and over forty churches were represented by pastor and one or more delegates. In each place where meetings were held, except the three Sunday appointments, a supper was provided. And in most cases the speaking was at the tables, amidst the fine fellowship of such occasions.

Once again we were fortunate in the representative sent us by the Extension Boards. This year they sent Miss Bertha Allen, for ten years connected with our kindergarten work in Foochow, China. Many in attendance at these meetings remember when this charming young woman was commissioned, eleven years ago, in First Church, San Francisco. The years have not diminished her charm, but their experiences have given new poise and grace.

Out of those experiences she gave us in these meetings a story of unusual interest and worth. She made us feel that past missionary effort had been worth its costs; that the Chinese were valiantly rising to the new demands put upon them by the present situation; and that our continued aid and guidance was imperative; but that the leadership for the future had passed permanently into the hands of the Chinese Christians, where it belongs.

The Woman's Federation furnished a speaker from their group at most of

the meetings. The topic assigned to these speakers was "Our Projects." Among the speakers were Mrs. Edmund Owens, Mrs. H. T. Helfer, Mrs. J. C. Holmes and Mrs. J. T. Richards. The Conference was represented at each meeting either by the superintendent or by his assistant. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that the meetings were of great value.

SAN MATEO—Rally dinner was held in this church on the evening of October 6. It was the first dinner of the season, and was an outstanding event. There was present a visiting team of speakers headed by Miss Bertha Allen of our Foochow Mission in China, and Dr. Minchin, representing the Northern California Conference. There were also present the pastors and guest members from Redwood City, Palo Alto and Woodside.

ANTIOCH—This church was host to the entire Upper Bay Association on the evening of Monday, October 10, to act as a dismissing council, concluding the pastorate of the Rev. W. H. Hannaford at Martinez, and to hear the addresses of the visiting missionary team. The choir of the entertaining church gave some excellent musical selections.

CERES—The Salida church sent a large representation to the promotion meeting held at Ceres on October 14. The other churches sending delegates were Ripon, Stockton and Lodi. Salida sent the largest delegation, and Lodi came the greatest distance, 50 miles.

TULARE—Tulare generously entertained the Tipton, Porterville and Fresno churches on Monday evening, October 17, the last meeting of the promotion team. Excellent music added greatly to the occasion.

PORTERVILLE—Miss Allen and Mr. Eckles spoke at the morning service Sunday, October 16. Here we found the pastor, Dr. H. S. Davidson, doing a unique piece of religious educational work in connection with the Bible School. The methods employed are original and seem worthy of a wider use than a single field affords. These columns should carry a fuller report than is possible here.

THE PASSING OF MRS. RATHBONE

Word has just reached this office of the death of Mrs. Leland D. Rathbone. This news was not unexpected, as Mrs. Rathbone was operated upon several months ago for a serious stomach trouble, from which she did not recover.

For some time now she has been in a sanitarium, where she had the best of care.

Mrs. Rathbone was a woman of fine Christian character and attainments. It was her joy to share in the wide service made possible by the extended ministry, as pastor and Conference Superintendent, of her husband, Dr. Rathbone.

Many will think of her, as does the writer, most tenderly as a cheerful home-maker and generous hostess. She will be missed.

The Pacific joins the many friends of Dr. Rathbone in extending to him and his family in their loss Christian sympathy.

GOOD MORNING! HOW IS YOUR APPORTIONMENT?

Letters went out to the pastors last month, calling their attention to three items which we trust they have brought before their churches. These are: the apportionment assigned to or accepted by the church, the amount paid in on this apportionment up to October 1, and the amount of the apportionment for the year 1928.

Let's see the hands of those who know where their church stands. Is it a record to be proud of?

Possibly some do not appreciate what the apportionment is for. Those who are not sure, please read on.

The amount of money sent in by the churches, that is, the amount of their benevolence, is divided here in the Conference office into three parts, as voted by the Conference at its annual meeting at Asilomar. For the year 1927 these percentages are: 52 per cent for state work, 18 per cent for other home work outside of the state, and 30 per cent for foreign work.

Most of you know what the money for the homeland boards does, through the circularization of these boards: to the Church Building Society for loans on church buildings and parsonages; to the Education Society for Sunday school literature, student pastors, religious education directors, etc.; to the American Missionary Society for its work among foreign-speaking people in this country, besides its work among the negroes and mountaineers; to the national Home Missionary Society for summer supply work in fields where there is no established church, etc. You can name the rest.

All of you know where the foreign portion goes: many of our churches have projects in the foreign field. You have, during the past year, had opportunity to hear a number of our returned missionaries speak of the work being carried on in their fields: Dr. Goodsell of Turkey, Mr. Galt and Mr. Whitaker of China have all been very generous with their time and energy to spread the glad news of the great amount and variety of work being carried on by the American Board.

But—and here comes a great pause. How many of you know what the money that comes to our state work does? Fifty cents out of each dollar you send in is spent here in this state for your work. What work?

This is of three kinds: Conference, which helps churches without pastors to secure just the right one to fill their needs, which lends a sympathetic ear to the troubles in the local churches, which assists the churches in numerous ways, by counsel and advice, by sending out circulars, every-member canvass material, etc., which gives encouragement to disheartened pastors, which sits on committees to work out some of your problems, anything and everything that is "the next thing." But this is only a small portion of it.

Another little bit goes into the fund to aid sick and retired ministers to live on after they cannot work any more, men who have earned a rich reward but have not received it in this world's goods in a sufficient quantity to lay by for this rainy day. It also aids their widows. A mere pittance to you, but it makes all the difference in the world to these old people, and they write such appreciative letters!

And then, the great bulk of it. This goes to the state home missionary work—to help the small churches pay the salaries of their ministers; to the Indian work at Fort Bidwell; to the Chinese work in San Francisco in the Hip Wo Union Language School; to the Filipino work at Salinas; to the extension work among the Japanese outside of Fresno. Did you know that in one of our northern counties of California there is only one Protest-

ant minister? And this minister is being supported in large part by our own Home Missionary money. This covers three centers. You read of another one—Calaveras county—in the last issue of The Pacific. One of our churches, Woodside, voted this month to become self-supporting. This is a great stride ahead for them. And they are standing up loyally behind their benevolences, too. To balance this another church has just written in that they are in a hard place and ask if we can't come to their rescue.

The answer to all of these worthy fields is up to you. We can't do a thing unless you say we can. You are the one who holds the purse and either ties our hands or gives us free rein to go ahead.

We have faith in you that you will reach the right decision. And this in spite of the fact that the money is coming in more slowly than for some time. But we know that we are all stewards, that what we have is a free gift from our Father, and that in our love to Him we must shoulder His work here on earth.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Resignations

Rev. William D. Ogg has resigned from the First Church at Eureka after a pastorate of fourteen years. He is leaving to accept a call to a church in Southern California, where he plans to start work about the first of December.

Rev. A. P. Orth has resigned from the church at Ferndale, desiring to get to a warmer climate on account of his wife's health.

Rev. Thomas Magill has decided to retire from the ministry, and left his field at Murphy early this month. His address for a time will be Oak Run, Shasta County.

Call

Rev. William H. Hannaford has accepted a call to the church at Maricopa, in Southern California. He supplied the pulpit the last two Sundays, and begins his active pastorate November 13. This makes two of our ministers that Southern California has taken from us within a month.

CERES—Smyrna Park Church at Ceres is starting a new series of evening meetings, once a month, of Living Pictures from the Bible. The first one was on the evening of October 30, "The Sower," which was given before a full house and made a tremendous impression. They used a big new electric frame 10x7, wired, lighted, curtained, and expertly operated. Following is the program for the first evening. The next one will be on November 27, "The Penitent at the Cross."

Bible Living Pictures, "The Sower"
At first all the lights in church on, the two circuits turned off one at a time as the pastor begins to read. As the last switch is thrown, the spotlight with red light flashes through the darkness and little girls in white are seen, who slowly draw back the curtains quietly. The preacher continues to read, while all the time the piano softly plays No. 461.

When the Scripture lesson was finished, the choir sang in the darkness, "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour."

When the last verse is finished, the little girls quietly draw the curtains and the church is lighted up.

The tableau here is that of "The Sower." There is the Sower himself, sowing the seed; is seen also the stony ground, the wayside, the thorns and thistles, and the good soil.

After the short sermon is finished, again the house is darkened as before. As the little girls draw back the curtain, the spotlight—with clear light—reveals a harvest scene. The weeds have been cut and left in a pile to be burned. Three or four boys dressed

as Oriental farmers are seen, each bearing sheaves of varying sizes, the piano all the time playing No. 443, "Bringing in the Sheaves." The service then closes with a male chorus singing No. 732 (lights still out), and benediction (lights on).

ALTURAS—The pastor of our Alturas church expects soon to be able to take up his work again with energy. He is preaching again now, but is not strong enough yet to carry the entire load, although he reports thirty pastoral visits made recently. He has been back on his field only a short time, after spending a month and a half at Arbuckle Sanitarium.

Usually when a town grows, the church grows. It is hoped that this will be true of Alturas. The N. C. O. Railroad is broad gauging and it is expected that broad gauge trains will begin to run before the middle of the month. Already there are many strangers in town, a number of houses are being built, and there is not a room for rent. And besides all this, it is hoped that a lumber mill will be erected and put into operation inside of six months, which will mean a large increase in population. And more people in town will mean a larger field of service for Mr. Carson.

SAN CARLOS—For six weeks now Rev. Bryant C. Preston has been conducting preaching services in this developing community. Last Sunday evening the assistant superintendent was present and had a part in the service. Although there was a slight shower of rain at the hour of gathering, twenty-nine people were there. This important field has been allocated to our denomination. Mr. Preston, with characteristic vigor, is on the job. It is the hope that the response on the part of the local people will justify the Conference Board in permanently placing a full time man on the ground. Prior to the going there of Mr. Preston a Sunday school had been maintained, under the special care of a representative from the Redwood City church.

SUNNYVALE—Our church at Sunnyvale is starting out on their fall work now, after the summer slump, when all of the men, women and children are busy with the fruit gathering. At the homecoming and rally there were 140 present.

FERNDAL—Rev. A. P. Orth has resigned from the church at Ferndale, effective in October. The church has decided to get a local man for part time work, while they are at quite an expense in repair work. They will have to reroof the buildings before the heavy rains set in.

SALIDA—The Salida Sunday school is growing, reporting recently an attendance of 73. The Endeavorers are beginning a fund for one hundred excellent song books, which they feel are greatly needed.

COTATI—Rev. David Miller, who has been supplying the Cotati church for some time, has been sent by the Methodists to Ferndale, his resignation at Cotati being effective October 17. Although the church is small, they feel the need of services here. There is a good Sunday school, with an average attendance of about 45, and the ladies have an active Ladies' Aid.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Have you planned your Mission Study Classes for this winter? If not, or if your committee wants suggestions, read what some of the churches in Southern California have done in this line. A real knowledge of what missions do, both at home and abroad, creates such an interest that your church can't help being alive and wide awake to its opportunities. A School of Missions if one of the best alarm clocks known for this purpose.

PERSONALS

During the past few weeks two of our Congregational ministers have celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their ordination into the ministry of the gospel.

The first in point of time was that of Rev. Ben F. Sargent, whose jubilee occurred June 22 and was celebrated by his acceptance of the invitation of the Saratoga Church to occupy its pulpit that Sunday. The text for the occasion was Paul's declaration, "I know whom I believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed to him against that day." Mr. Sargent divided the fifty years into ten-year periods: the first decade was spent with the South Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan; the second decade was his early California ministry, beginning at Fresno and continuing at Santa Rosa and Petaluma; the third decade was spent with the North Church of Berkeley and the Olivet (now Mission Park Church) of San Francisco; the fourth period included a pastorate in Grass Valley and an extended trip to China, and the decade just closed has been characterized by a ministry at large. During these pastorates Mr. Sargent has received nearly one thousand into Christian fellowship.

It is not often that a minister celebrates his ordination jubilee and his golden wedding the same month. But such has been the good fortune of Rev. Dennis Goodsell, who was ordained in Minnesota October, 1877, and married to Miss Abbie Field October 19, 1877, in the same state. After a brief pastorate in the East, Mr. Goodsell came to California, and has served churches in Tulare, Los Angeles, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Contra Costa and Shasta counties. Mr. Goodsell's life work stands for voluntary home missionary service of great worth, laying as he did the deep foundations upon which others have builded. Many men and women in this state speak of him lovingly as "our first pastor and our friend." Over forty friends gathered at the Goodsell residence in Berkeley on the afternoon of October 19 to express to Mr. and Mrs. Goodsell congratulations on the years completed and to express their kind wishes for the years to come. Messages were received from each of Mr. Goodsell's classmates and from many absent friends.

The following poem, written for the occasion by one who had known them in their seminary days, was read:

All of these are gold, we say:
Treasure that eager miners hold,
Poppies enriching our state with their gold,
The prairies laugh with the golden grain,
The leaves come down in a golden rain
At nutting time on the girl, the boy.
But gold that is rare you now enjoy;
The love of your youth more deep and strong
Now fifty years have journeyed along
To your Golden Wedding Day.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

SUMMER TOUR OF JAPAN AND KOREA BY CONGREGATIONAL STUDENT GROUP

The party of sixteen Congregational young people, eight of whom were American and seven Japanese, who made a ten weeks' tour of the Orient this summer, created considerable interest in Japan and Korea. In Tokyo they had an interview of nearly two hours with Viscount Shibusawa, the great internationalist, in the tea-house of his beautiful garden, after which he entertained them at a delightful luncheon. Among other things, he said: "At 86 years of age I feel that I have the right to retire from business, but I can never retire from being a citizen of the world. There are various kinds of diplomacy, official diplomacy, governmental diplomacy, and so forth, but today we are in need of a 'People's Diplomacy,' where the people of each country really come to an understanding of the people of other countries, and in a spirit of friendship work out a true policy for the nation to follow out."

Prince Tokugawa, who would have been the next Shogun of Japan if that form of government had been continued, entertained them in his spacious mansion, and told of what he was doing for the cause of international good will. At the luncheon given them by the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce there was opportunity for studying the Japanese business man's viewpoint of the present financial crisis in Japan today, and of the absolute need for Japan to keep on the friendliest relations with the United States. "War with America would be suicidal," was their attitude. At two of the largest department stores in Japan the Mitsukoshi in Tokyo and the Matsuzakaya in Nagoya, they were delightfully entertained at dinner, and were much surprised to find that not even Los Angeles had department stores equal to them either in size, equipment or the number of shoppers. The Mitsukoshi store, for instance, has a daily average of ten thousand shoppers, and on special sale days, three times that number.

They went to Nikko. The Japanese say, "You cannot say 'beautiful' until you have seen Nikko." They saw the great Daibutsu, or bronze Buddha which has three times withstood the sweep of tidal waves, even though the temples around it were washed away. They climbed the sacred Mount Fuji, and the active volcano of Asama. They saw the picturesque torch light cormorant fishing in Gifu, and went through the water tunnel a mile and a half long, between Lake Biwa and Kyoto.

In Kyoto they visited the Doshisha, that Christian university which stands as a monument to the power of Christianity. When Joseph Hardy Nee-shima proposed to found this university in the early days, the chief priest of the Buddhists publicly declared that he would as soon expect to see Mt. Hiei fall backward into Lake Biwa as to see a Christian university in Kyoto. Still stands Mt. Hiei overlooking the city, with a cable car running nearly to its summit, and at its foot stands that Christian university radiating the spirit of Christ. Dr. Ebina, the president of Doshisha, entertained the whole party at a luncheon in the beautiful Kyoto hotel, where they had ample opportunity to talk with several of the professors, who stressed the need of Christian education as the solution of international problems. They were rejoicing over the recent revival of interest in spiritual things among the student classes in Japan.

In Osaka, now the third largest city in the world, with a population of over two million, they were entertained by a student group, and their five days' association with these young men gave ample time to compare the youth movement in Japan with that in America. Our party broadcasted a message from America over J. O. B. K. and were later entertained by the Osaka Stock Exchange at a luncheon. After dinner they were conducted by the officials to the balcony overlooking the pit, and received such an ovation that the stock exchange had to suspend operations for fully ten minutes.

In Kobe they met and talked for over an hour with the governor of the four largest prefectures in central Japan; took lunch at the Oriental Hotel as the guests of the Mayor of Kobe, and enjoyed a trip out around the harbor on a launch furnished by the Harbor Police Department. In the evening a reception was tendered them by the four English-speaking societies of Kobe. It was the largest meeting of its kind ever held in that city, so they were told. It was a surprise to find how well the Japanese business men could speak English and how ably they could express their chagrin at the insult which they felt the exclusion clause, because of its discrimination, had heaped upon them.

After a wonderful trip through the inland sea to that most beautiful island in all Japan, Miyajima, the party officially broke up. The Japanese boys scattered to their homes in different parts of Japan, while the American boys continued their trip on to Korea. The governor-general sent his private secretary all the way from Seoul to Fusan, a trip of three hundred miles, to meet us at the boat. They were given special privileges on the railways, special rates at the best hotel in Seoul, and special permission to see the imperial palaces—a privilege seldom given to visitors. The governor-general himself entertained them at dinner and told us of some of the things which Japan was trying to do in Korea. They dined also with the editor-in-chief and his staff of the most radical of the Korean newspapers. It was a Korean dinner with 21 different kinds of food served. This editor was a very interesting character. He had been imprisoned several times for his radical utterances and boasted that his paper was the most suppressed newspaper in the world. Sometimes as often as three times in one week certain issues of the paper would be suppressed because of some inflammatory statement.

Returning from Korea, the last week of the visit was spent in Karuizawa, where there was ample time to meet the missionaries and learn first hand of their work and problems. This trip might well be called a ten weeks' summer conference of Congregational young people on Missions and International Relations. It was easily worth a year's schooling to every boy that went.

The trip was a success financially, as there was a balance of several dollars for each boy, out of the \$400 deposited at the beginning of the trip. There were no "extras," every necessary expense of travel, living and sight-seeing being paid by the conductor. It was a success educationally—on the steamer going over there were daily devotionals, an hour of lectures on Japan, her history, civilization and problems, and an hour of Japanese language study. "One seeing is better than a hundred hearings," says the Oriental proverb, and this group had the opportunity to see and know the Orient. It was a success

spiritually, as every member of the party gained a new vision of mission fields and work, and a new inspiration to do his part right here at home, unless definitely called to work abroad. It was a success also in the influence exerted in Japan. No greater piece of work could have been done by our A. M. A. department of our conference during these summer months than that of helping to cement the friendship of our two nations and show that we as Christians are really interested in the larger questions of world relationships.

EXTENSION SOCIETY

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregational Church Extension Society of Los Angeles was held in the First Congregational Church, Los Angeles, on Friday, October 7, 1927, with the dinner at 6:30 p. m. served by the ladies of the church. The dining room was filled to capacity. The company adjourned to the chapel after dinner and, according to the custom for fifteen years at the semi-annual meeting, the roll of the churches was called by the president, Mr. Blake Franklin, and Mr. George W. Prince Jr., secretary, called time at the end of two minutes, though he found considerable difficulty in confining the reports of the representatives of the various churches to the two minutes.

The Extension Society consists of representatives of thirty-two churches in Los Angeles city and six in the immediate neighborhood, making a total of thirty-eight. Twenty-seven churches reported, with three hundred and eighty-two representatives, the largest number in attendance at any semi-annual meeting, the record of attendance being for the last annual meeting in the Wilshire Boulevard Church of four hundred and one.

In addition to the reports by the various representatives, brief addresses were made by Rev. Luman H. Royce, secretary for city work of the Home Extension Boards, by Mr. Frank C. Rulon, who is engaged in financial canvass for the Glendale Church, and the superintendent, George F. Kenn-gott.

In his brief report for the fifteen years, the superintendent presented as exhibit A the records of the Extension Society, with its initial meeting January 12, 1912, and the adoption of the by-laws March 21, 1912, and the election of the first president, Rev. William Horace Day, and the secretary, Mr. Dell A. Schweitzer. The records showed that Rev. John B. Tome, then pastor of the church at Chula Vista, had been called to the superintendency and had declined. On Wednesday, September 11, 1912, the records showed that Mr. Kenn-gott was called to the superintendency for three years. He has been superintendent continuously since that time.

He reported that during this period thirteen churches had been organized in Los Angeles, largely as the result of the work of the society, with membership now of 2485, Sunday school 2340, and property valued, according to the last year book, of \$873,500. This amount, however, should be increased by at least \$500,000, because the Hollywood Church reported its property as worth \$125,000, though the corner lot, 80x150, has been sold recently for \$200,000, leaving that church 130 feet on Hollywood boulevard, with a depth of 200 feet and 50 feet on Sycamore, with a depth of 210 feet. Wilshire Boulevard Church, which reported its property as \$482,500, is easily worth \$600,000. Property which cost the Extension Society \$100,000 is now worth more than a million dollars. The Ex-

tension Society has never speculated in real estate—has always bought the best corner lots available, at least 100 by 150 feet, in behalf of the churches, and any unearned increment accrues to the local church and not to the society.

Of the original Board of Directors, as constituted in 1912, two still remain on the board, Messrs. E. P. Clark and Fred M. Wilcox. The superintendent gave high praise to the pastors and their laymen who, through these years, have supported the society so loyally. Special reference was made to the long and devoted service of Messrs. Fred M. Wilcox and Dell A. Schweitzer.

One of the features of the evening was the singing by the choir of the Lincoln Memorial Congregational Church (colored).

NEWS ITEMS

BUENA PARK—Rev. Burton Y. Neal, pastor. The church plans to erect a new house of worship on the corner lot, moving the parsonage to the rear of the lot.

BAY SHORE, LONG BEACH—Rev. G. W. McCreery, pastor. Sunday school averages about two hundred, with close to fifty-five boys and girls in the junior department alone—more boys than girls. It is a fine school, well graded and with good teachers.

LOGAN HEIGHTS, SAN DIEGO—Work is making good progress under the leadership of Rev. J. F. Sanders, pastor.

MARICOPA—Rev. William H. Han-naford supplied the church October 30 and will supply it on November 6, with a view to the pastorate if mutually satisfactory.

MENTONE—On Sunday evening, October 23, \$1440 was raised, which will nearly pay off the note of \$1500. The alterations and repairs cost \$3500.

PACOIMA—Rev. H. T. Wagner, pastor, had a large attendance at Sunday school and church on its recent Rally Day.

PALMS—Rev. E. T. MacMahon has been supplying the church for several Sundays as acting pastor.

PERRIS—Rev. J. H. Olmstead, pastor, celebrated, on October 23, the fortieth anniversary of its organization, with the rededication of its house of worship, which looks almost like a new building, with fresh paint inside and out, stained glass windows, and a new carpet.

CALLS

WASCO—Rev. J. A. Macdonald from Alberta has been called to the pastorate and is at work.

PILGRIM, BAKERSFIELD—Rev. J. K. Stage from Wichita, Kansas, has been called to the pastorate.

OILDALE has called to the pastorate Rev. A. K. Gleason, who has been pastor for several years at Oil Center. He will serve both fields and reside at Oil Center.

MANHATTAN BEACH—Rev. Geo. T. Simons, formerly Conference Director of Religious Education, has been called to the pastorate and is at work.

RESIGNATIONS

YUCAIPA—Rev. E. B. Smith has resigned, resignation taking effect about the middle of November.

PALMS—Rev. George F. Orloff has resigned the acting pastorate in order to take charge of some of the young people's work of the Church of the Messiah.

MARICOPA—Resignation has been accepted from Rev. J. Freelan Johnson, former pastor.

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MISSION STUDY CLASSES ONEONTA, SOUTH PASADENA

Rev. Holland F. Burr, Pastor

In the three schedules suggested two of them allot fifteen minutes for motion pictures, and all three of them give space for devotions and for dramatics, in addition to the class periods, which are generally a full hour each night. This group gives the following suggestions:

Whatever plan of organization is followed, there are a few things which need always to be kept in mind: (1) The idea: the entire church studying missions at the same time. (2) The young people: let them be "in" on the planning from the beginning. (3) The faculty: need of securing them well in advance, and of seeing that they have opportunity for training. (4) Advance promotion: the plan cannot be "sprung" on a church suddenly. To be effective, the publicity committee should begin its work weeks ahead of the opening of the school. (5) Capitalizing the interest generated after the school is over. Every committee responsible for a School of Missions should face seriously the question, "After the School of Missions, what?"

As to dramatics: The pageant recommended at Asilomar for use this year was "Followers of the Star," by Anita B. Ferris (Missionary Education Movement). The different episodes are separate units, using separate casts, so that it may be produced either in whole or in part, a separate episode on each night, or the whole thing on the closing night.

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH

Rev. E. D. Gaylord, Pastor

This church makes their School of Missions an integral part of their church nights, which run through the season from the last of September to the last of June. Each Wednesday evening begins with a simple cafeteria supper. At 7:15 the mid-week service begins, which lasts just one hour. The people like the early service.

Each year they have two courses from six to eight weeks each, generally on the lines of the two study books, using them as textbooks and collateral reading. They always try to present some phase of home and foreign missions in these two courses. The method is that of lecture, followed by discussion they found this the most profitable use of the Wednesday mid-week service.

In connection with this they sometimes have two other classes, one for the young people and one for the children, though recent experience has been that the Sunday evening meeting of the League of Youth is the best time for the young people, setting aside a few weeks during the year for a continuous course. For the boys and girls they have tried the use of a combination of motion pictures and stereopticon slides with some success, but the attendance is always some-

what limited, and they feel that the opening service of the church school is the best period for missionary education with the boys and girls.

SAN BERNARDINO—FIRST

Rev. H. B. Mowbray, Pastor

For a number of years the San Bernardino Church has varied its methods in missionary education, as follows:

1. A School of Missions Sunday evenings, meeting in three groups, studying the M. E. M. textbooks.

2. At the Wednesday evening meetings and in a number of the Sunday school classes on Sunday, using the various graded texts, a chapter at a session.

3. In the various departments of the Sunday school for a series of six Sunday mornings, using half an hour for the purpose, using graded texts.

4. Stereopticon missionary lectures, which the pastor has used on Sunday evenings at intervals during the year.

CLAREMONT

Rev. A. D. Stauffacher, Pastor

At Claremont the School of Missions is initiated by the Committee on Missions, with the Education Committee co-operating. The School of Missions Committee is appointed by this group and so constituted that each member heads a sub-committee to care for some definite phase of the work of the school. The schedule for the past two or three years has been about as follows:

Wednesday, 4:30 P. M.—Adult class, 6 P. M., supper followed by a class around the tables. The plan has been to use the foreign study book for the afternoon and the home study book for the supper table discussion. At the supper hour are introduced special musical features and other brief attractions.

Wednesday Afternoon and Sunday Afternoon—An exhibit with small admission fee and persons in charge to explain the articles. Sometimes informal talks by those who know the country being studied.

Sunday — Classes at the Church School and League of Youth hour. Sunday evening services given over to addresses by specialists on subjects connected with the study for the year. Also dramatizations at this service.

In addition to these meetings there is also usually time given for this study in the women's societies and week-day classes for the Church School classes for stories and handwork. The best time has been found to be after the annual meeting in January and before the beginning of the Lenten season.

PASADENA—LAKE AVENUE

Rev. James S. Hutchins, Pastor

For the past seven years this church has had a School of Missions consisting of six sessions, commencing at 5:30 on Sunday evening and carrying through the 7:30 service.

A committee representing the different organizations of the church has served as the planning committee. This group and other interested persons usually functioned in a Faculty Committee, Literature Committee, Poster Committee, Publicity Committee, Dramatic Committee, Speakers' Committee, and Picture Committee. They try to plan early for the school and secure help from those who go to Asilomar and from the community institute held by the Pasadena Board of Religious Education. For the last several years there have been similar Schools of Missions in the Pasadena churches and this board aids in plans and suggestions.

The program for the school is usually opened with pictures of the field being studied, at 5:30; then at 6 the classes convene; at 7 a pageant is given, and at 7:30 some special speaker brings a message in harmony with the purpose of the school.

The result of these plans has been that the attendance at these schools has ranged from about 250 to more than 300, having frequently an average attendance for the six weeks of 250 to 275. The keynote is determined, of course, by a group of people that are interested in the missionary program and willing to work in presenting educational material to the rest of the church.

This church considers the School of Missions a splendid way of presenting helpful material. They offer these suggestions to any who care to use them.

SANTA BARBARA

Rev. Paul A. Davies, Pastor

This church holds their School of Missions on six consecutive Wednesday evenings, taking the place of the regular prayer service. Usually, though not always, the evening opens with a supper, to which most of the people have come; then at 7:15 they conduct a fifteen-minute devotional service, before going to classes, and conclude the evening with an assembly, adjourning at 9 o'clock at the latest.

For the assembly period one year they asked each class to take one evening, and suggested dramatics. All three classes responded with enthusiasm, two of them with original productions. In order to avoid long rehearsing the spoken part was given by a reader, and those taking part acted in pantomime.

The Missionary Committee, which planned the whole school, took the responsibility for the other three assemblies, using two outside speakers who could speak from first-hand information of the country being studied, and one evening of stereopticon pictures secured from the Conference office.

For the classes they secured the best available teachers, asked for special reports from various members of the classes, encouraged the bringing to the class of newspaper and periodical clippings, which had caught their attention during the week, and emphasized, especially for the young people, the making of simple posters which should set forth the missionary appeal. One year they used a point system for the whole school, scoring by classes on such items as participation in discussion, special reports, posters, pictures, dramatics and outside reading.

FINDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE ON SPANISH SPEAKING WORK

1. The careful consideration of our Spanish speaking problem in the United States and Mexico leads us to a new conviction of its importance. With a Spanish speaking population in the United States of approximately one million native born and immigrant population from Mexico of nearly two million, this must be considered one of our major national opportunities. Of this Spanish speaking population, probably two-thirds are in the states of Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Nevada and California. Southern California alone has about 400,000, Los Angeles county 250,000, of whom nearly 200,000 are in the city of Los Angeles, making this the largest Mexican center outside of Mexico City. Our close proximity to Mexico, our long border line, our inevitable business and political relations with that country, call for the establishment of such relations along sympathetic, cultural, educational and spiritual lines as will lead to better understanding and mutual helpfulness.

2. The survey of the work being done by Congregational agencies shows that the denomination is spending over \$100,000 a year in Spanish speaking work on both sides of the border, not counting extras for build-

ings and specials for other purposes. In view of the limitations of our resources and the certainty that the work and consequent expenditure will grow, we urge careful scrutiny of every piece of work and every item of expense to see that it is of intrinsic value and an essential part of a complete and rounded program.

3. We recognize the paramount importance of educational institutions for the cultivation of intelligent ideas and high ideals and for the training of leaders among Spanish speaking people on both sides of the Mexican border. Our schools should be kept free from such sectarian narrowness as would preclude our widest usefulness in training leaders in all walks of life. At the same time they should be permeated by such spiritual earnestness that they will not fail to develop religious leaders. We recommend that our work in Mexico be thought of in terms of personality and that the individual missionary be encouraged to make such contribution and to seek such contacts and relations with the institutions of the country as in his wisdom promise the greatest fruitage to the Kingdom of God. We recognize the importance of the churches and pastors and assure them of our interest and sympathy and our desire for their continuance under the Congregational policy and spirit.

4. We believe that the efficiency of our Spanish work will be promoted by moving in the spirit of the merger, in the direction of simplicity and unity of organization and administration. Every advance step should be in that direction. In line with this ideal we recognize with approval the unity of administration brought about in the Mexico mission by the merger of the Woman's Boards with the American Board. Another step toward such administrative unity is the proposed transfer of the Mexico mission to the Congregational Conference of Southern California, thereby bringing together under one administration the Spanish speaking work on both sides of the Mexican border.

5. We advise against the segregation of our Spanish speaking people. In line with this policy we commend the management of the Rio Grande school in receiving a limited number (not more than one-third) of Anglo-Americans. In line with this policy we also commend the action of the Extension Boards in ceasing to administer the Spanish work as a separate department and handling it as a part of the district administration and in connection with the State Conference with which it is located. In general we recommend that Spanish work be conducted in close relationship with the State Conference and the English speaking work.

6. We recognize that a real problem exists in the Southwestern District, where the A. M. A. and the Extension Boards are working in the same locality and for the same people. We commend the action of the two boards in creating a joint committee with the view to harmonizing differences, ironing out difficulties and advising the boards as to questions of policy and administration. While the creation of this committee is a hopeful step, we do not feel that it is a complete remedy and recommend to the two boards the further study of the problem in the spirit of amity and co-operation.

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